

NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

October 27, 2014

The Norman Human Rights Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Complex located at 201 W. Gray Street on October 27, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were duly posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Jose Dela Cruz, Mary Drywater, Daniel Dukes, Amyie Kao, Harry Wright

ABSENT: Commissioners Kay Ham, Tamara Pullin, Lupe Davidson, Marjaneh Seirafi-Pour

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Bell and Jayme Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Three guests: Arshia Akbarani, Amanah Fatima, Officer Ali Jaffery

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2014, MEETING.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the agenda of the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dukes and the question being approving the agenda of the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Kao and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the agenda of the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2014, NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING.

Commissioner Wright moved that the minutes of the August 27, 2014, Human Rights Commission meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dela Cruz;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Human Rights Commission minutes of August 27, 2014

and the question being upon approving the minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Kao and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the minutes of the August 27, 2014, meeting were approved.

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Item 4, being:

DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD.

The nominees for the annual Human Rights Award were reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Kao moved that the Human Rights Award for 2014 be presented to Lucy Mahaffey for her work with H.O.P.E. (Helping Oklahomans Prevent Exploitation). This motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Wright; and the question being to present the 2014 Human Rights Award to Lucy Mahaffey, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Drywater, Dukes, Kao, and Wright

NAYES: Commissioners Dela Cruz

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the 2014 Human Rights Award will be given to Lucy Mahaffey at the December 9, 2014, City Council meeting.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF 2015 INTERFAITH BREAKFAST.

Commissioner Drywater updated the Commission on the upcoming 2015 Interfaith Breakfast. The date of the Interfaith Breakfast is Monday, January 19, 2015. The location will be the First Baptist Church located at 211 W. Comanche. Several speakers have been recruited by Commissioners

Ham and Drywater, and the keynote speaker will be Marilyn Luper-Hildreth. Invitations will be sent and news articles will be published in December.

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Item 6, being:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION.

The Commission discussed Black History Month and the presentation of the Proclamation at the City Council meeting in February, 2015. The national theme was discussed. A draft of the proposed Proclamation and a recommended representative to accept the same will be presented at the next Human Rights Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015.

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Item 7, being:

APPROVAL OF 2015 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING DATES.

The scheduled dates for the 2015 Human Rights Commission meetings were presented to the Commission. By City Ordinance, the Human Rights Commission meets quarterly on the last Monday of January, April, July, and October. Those dates for 2015 are: January 26th, April 27th, July 27th and October 26th.

Commissioner Wright moved that the dates scheduled for the 2015 Human Rights Commission meetings be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dela Cruz; and the question being to approve the dates for the 2015 Human Rights Commission meetings, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Kao and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the dates for the 2015 Human Rights Commission meetings were approved.

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Item 8, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Drywater reminded the Commission that November is Native American Heritage month. She is finalizing details for the proposed Proclamation to be presented to the Mayor. She is also working with Enoch Kelly Haney to confirm his availability to accept the Proclamation.

Commissioner Wright discussed an upcoming collaboration by NAMI and Memorial Presbyterian Church which will be presenting a panel discussion and video on mental health and criminal justice entitled "The New Asylums" at Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 14, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This presentation is open to the public.

Commissioner Drywater reminded the Commissioners that the Xenia Institute for Social Justice is also presenting a panel discussion on Islam, Christianity and Oklahoma on October 30, 2014, at the First Christian Church from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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Item 9, being:

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Wright moved that the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dela Cruz; and the question being adjourning the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Kao and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the October 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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